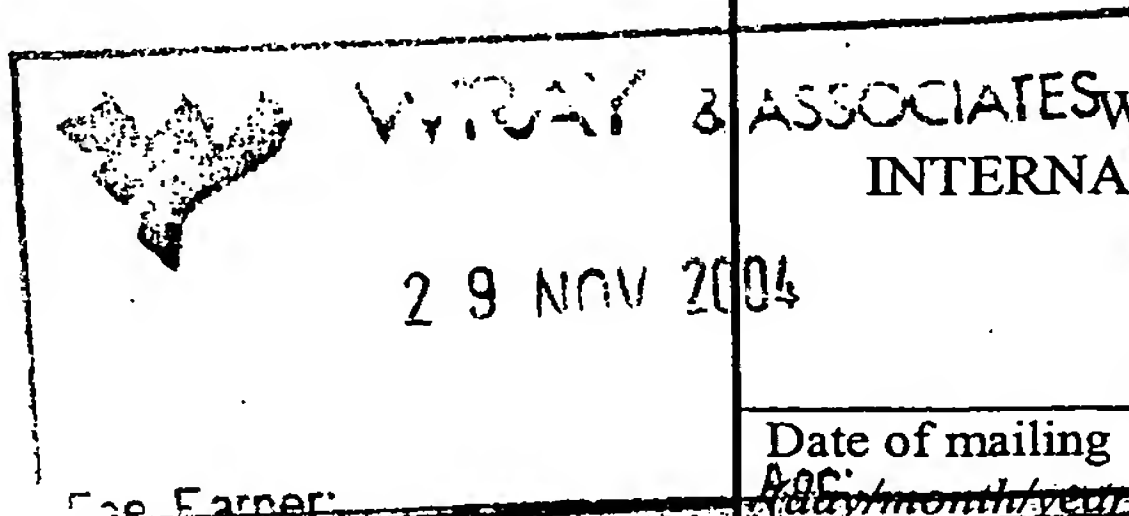


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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Box No. III | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability |
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

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Box No. V **Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-25	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	YES
	Claims 1-25	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-25	YES
	Claims	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

NOVELTY Claims 1-25:

The invention defined in claims 1-25 is novel.

INVENTIVE STEP (IS):

Claims 1-25:

- D1 = US 6099504 A
- D2 = WO 2000/025845 A1 and
- D3 = US 2003/0130619 A1

Claims 1 and 12:

For example; US 6099504 A discloses a inoculation device comprising a body having a fixed portion and a movable portion, said fixed portion having a front face, the movable portion supported from the fixed portion to the rear of the front face, a needle supported from the movable portion to be movable on relative movement of the movable portion with respect to the fixed portion, towards and away from the front face whereby free end of the needle is movable between a retracted position at which the free end of the needle lies to the rear of the front face and an extended position at which the free end of the needle extends in front of the front face, said movable portion being biased to the retracted position, indexing means that provides a rotational movement to the movable portion. However, whether the indexing means provides a lateral movement of the needle or of the movable object constitutes no more than a mere workshop improvement. It is an arrangement that any competent worker in the art would be expected to make directly and without difficulty and by routine steps alone. Therefore the claimed invention does not involve an inventive step.

Claims 2-11 and 13-25: The minor features added by these claims are well known integers in the art (common general knowledge) or can be arrived at though routine steps and are therefore not inventive.

INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY:

The claims define subject matter that would be suitable for industrial application.